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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: <b>TISSUE ACCESSING AND</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 3736
<b>ANCHORING DEVICE AND METHOD</b>	)	
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Please preliminarily amend this application as indicated below: